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DRAFT**Proposed New Claims For Serial No. 09/541,285**

37. For use in an electronic camera having an image pick-up unit and a storage device, a process for taking and storing digital pictures, the process comprising:

generating a digital image signal corresponding to an image incident on the image pick up unit,
formatting the digital image signal in one of a plurality of computer image file formats; and
storing the formatted image file in the storage device.

38. A process as in claim 37, wherein the storage device is removable.

39. For use in an electronic camera having an image pick-up unit and a storage device, a process for taking and storing digital pictures, the process comprising:

selecting one of a plurality of computer image file formats in the camera;
generating a digital image signal corresponding to an image incident on the image pick-up unit;
formatting the digital image signal in the selected computer image file format; and
storing the formatted computer image file in the storage device.

40. A process as in claim 39, wherein the storage device is removable.

(Claims 21-36 to be cancelled.)

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